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TOWN COUNCIL

Not even the presence of the Mayor, (in khaki at that, with brass buttons shining as though the wearer had bestowed many hours of loving labor on them) could infuse the Council meeting with interest.

Everything was as harmonious as a Hawaiian Aloha song and as dull as an average sermon on a sultry day.

Councillor Torgas did not get an opportunity to distinguish himself; Councillor Strubbers did his best to debate uninteresting points of procedure. Councillor Webster tried valiantly to justify his position as Chairman of the Property Committee by figuring out the lowest possible offer which could be made with decency for the haulage of coal; Councillor Stenritt covered himself with distinction by the seconding of at least two motions, while Deputy-Mayor Connolly just managed to test Councillor Torgas to it in the adjournment motion.

Solicitor McLean ran short of literature and cigarette papers and enlivened the proceedings with a few resounding yawns; Scribe Ford did his utmost to look wise the whole time and only succeeded in looking bored; Sec. Bond was obviously ill-at-ease, for his inability to create something interesting, but Mayor Travis enjoyed the relaxation from his military duties and was the happiest of the bunch.

Practically the only items of interest were the discussion arising out of an account charged for hauling and from the town rates to the pumping station which the Council thought exorbitant and the appointment of Engineer McEntee as Chief of Police in place of Geo. Munro-tyrod.

The former discussion arose out of the presentation of an account for hauling coal at the rate of \$12 per load. While the Council have not called for tenders for this work and have no agreement as to rates it was felt that the account should be questioned before being paid, and it was also decided to authorize the engineer and waterworks committee to secure a better price for this work.

The latter, (the appointment of Engineer McEntee as Chief of Police) was the signal for a motion calling on the Chief to either civilise the Bank of Commerce mascot (by obtaining the license fee for same) or remove him to the incinerator. The idea seemed to tickle the Chief immensely, but he promised to enforce, with all the majesty of the law, the decree of the Council.

The Barber's by-law was read and finally passed as who was the by-law authorizing the Council to borrow sufficient money from the Bank to pay the School secretary's salary and a few other things required by the School Board.

After which, as before stated Councillor Connolly best John to it with the adjournment motion, and the love-fest was over.

FREE FOR ALL!

An interesting demonstration is being given during the next ten days at Peddon's Store of the wonderful tone qualities, clearness of diction, adaptability to any make of disc records, the new and entirely original modulator of sound which is a distinctive feature of the instruments, and last but by no means least important, the low price of the Victor Playola and Perfectrol Talking Machines.

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Prominent Citizen Badly Stung

The C.P.R.'s record for punctuality is often a source of derision, as one of our prominent citizens found to his cost on Monday morning.

Rising at six o'clock, with the object of catching the Empress train, he broke or at any rate severely dented his fast at 7 a.m.

On leaving the dining room he glanced at the clock finding it blithely announcing the time to be 9:55. On reaching the roundhouse however he found the time-piece advertising the fact that he was five minutes nearer eternity than the other had warned him; in other words 'twas 7 a.m.

Rushing from the restaurant he broke all records, most of the commandments, and—almost—his neck in the attempt to reach the depot before the train pulled out, but to his sorrowful disgust he was greeted upon rounding McKee's corner by the ironic foot of the engine and the smoke waving him a sardonic farewell or a warning to get a real reliable watch, and he returned home a madder and wiser man.

Thus far our prominent citizen only shared a fate common to all men who have to get up in the morning, but the fickle wench dealt him a nasty backhander when Charlie Nutter advised him two hours-and-a-half later, that the Empress train had only just left.

Our citizen's feelings and experiences may never decently be imagined than described.

Sensational Scrap Between Bassano Cats

Dog fights are among the common occurrences of our juvenile town, and indeed are often included in the inventory of public amusements such as half bred cockfights, aspiring prize-dances, budding debaters, and local politicians.

Cats on the other hand are of a more refined disposition and usually choose the midnight hour for their domestic quarrels. In fact so all affecting in their disposition that were it not for a peculiar vibrancy in the timbre of their vocal organs, and an awkward habit of deciding who is to be under the identical "wrench" which "lightest runs" but chamber the tribe might easily gain the reputation of being peaceful and snooty.

Just why two of Bassano's most active sports should have chosen a title which includes the word cats for their team is a matter for speculation; the only clue we can discover is that they usually settle their disputes at night.

The teams in question the Bassano Board-cats, under the leadership of E. P. Corrie, and the Bassano Pals-cats, who take their orders from Billy Fortner, met on Monday night at Bassano's to decide which bunch could lick the other at the exhilarating pastime of five pin.

For the benefit of the uninitiated we might say that the term five pin is just a little misleading. The feminine mind might imagine that the boys exerted their manliness in sticking pins into each other, or in the effort to scratch the others eyes out, but such is not the case. In fact the only thing they try to stick each other for is the cost of the game. Five pins may be handled on the table.

The rules of the game are simple (which usually accounts for its popularity), and no only qualifications necessary for the player, but any one may play and an opponent, with a fellow to do the chore for the player. The player who is able to count quickly and has a decided advantage over the man who is only count on his fingers. This is one of the reasons that male teachers always put more emphasis on the learning of arithmetic than the other grade.

The players are given three balls to play with (labeled morrills) and spall spots have often done comparisons between the three balls of five-pins and the three balls of the paratrooper—but we do not see the analogy. The game is

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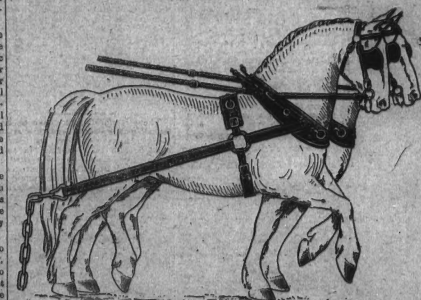
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"PLAYOLA" CABINET.

There has long been a demand for a cabinet phonograph that will play all disc records perfectly, that embodies highest grade materials, workmanship and finish, that sells at a popular price. "Playola" fully meets every such condition. Leading Scientific principles are employed in making the reproducer, which is attached to the tone arm by a ball joint, giving free movement and correct balance on any record.

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"VEOLIAN."

The "Veolian" is constructed upon scientific principles and eliminates all surface or foreign noise, reproducing all there is of musical notes in any disc record bringing out perfectly all partial tones of voices or instruments which are but lightly recorded on the disc.

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This Model "F" is a large, beautifully proportioned Phonograph, one which will prove an ornament to any home. Cabinet is made of genuine Mahogany or quarter-cut oak, finished finish. Grilled front is silk-lined. Cabinet has ample shelf space for records. High-grade double spring worm gear motor. Speed control, tone and Tone Modifier. 12 in. turntable. Size 44 in. high, 20 1/2 by 23 1/2.

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"He paused and resumed: 'Well, he has a clue. It's not as if I spoke of mentioning before that I spoke of the watchman, but I thought the fact was before the transfer—how the thief will get the hand across to Europe?'"

"There would be some danger, in carrying that; anyone, he might imagine so, although it looks as if 'Hulton' doesn't mean to tell the police much, but yet, of course, there's the matter, but the thief might be afraid to put the bonds."

"Restrictions would be. 'I think it's Hulton's favor that he'll be satisfied with one of the police detective agencies to begin with, while the man he's looking for will be on his guard against the police. Besides, it's possible that the fellow won't take many precautions."

"You think the man you passed saw you well enough to know you again?"

"He may have done so."

"Then if he imagines you saw him, it would make a difference. Foster had thoughtfully."

"Foster had thoughtfully. 'He'd recall that he was the greatest danger he had to guard against."

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III.

Foster Makes a Promise

"There was been great rest evening and Foster drove to the Cross-roads without his comrade, though it was wise to stay at home. The reunion he was going to."

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"You haven't thought it worth while to ask for a dance yet," she remarked, and Foster could not tell if she was offended or not.

"No," he replied, smiling. "I was afraid of getting a disappointment, since I didn't know your plans; but only came a few magazines in case you sent for me. One said it best to wait your order."

"Carmen studied him thoughtfully. 'You generally take the proper line; sometimes I think you're cleverer than you look. Anyway, one isn't forced to explain things to you. Explaining what one wants is always annoying.'"

"My business is to guess what you would like and carry it out for me," he said. "I'm sure this saves you some trouble and trouble."

"I'm sure," she said, "that you're not a very intelligent man. I think I'm an intelligent."

"Our boys are a pretty good sample, but they don't take the law, the suppose you learned it in the Old Country?"

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Recent Discovery of the Site of This Ancient Babylon

When the British entered Mesopotamia and pushed their way beyond Baghdad they found everywhere the crumbling remains of Babylon's walls. The ancient ruins of this region, that once boasted of reigning cities and an opulent civilization, have long since passed. Old canals were left to the mercy of the shifting sands, and irrigation works years ago remain as monuments to the blighting effects of the way of the Turk.

The excavations carried on by the Germans on the site of Babylon have brought to an end by the war. The results achieved by the excavations are set out in Professor Eddowes' book, 'The Excavation of Babylon,' published by Macmillans.

With the help of this volume, Mr. Edmund Chandler, the representative of the British Press with the Mesopotamia army, was able to identify some of the principal areas of ancient Babylon. The excavations have brought to light the remains of a city that belong to the comparatively modern period of Nebuchadnezzar, five to six centuries before the Christian era. But there are traces in the ruins of Babylon of two thousand years before Christ, and of the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians and the Greeks.

Two teams of four horses each could pass each other on the outer walls of the city. Among the ruins of the city, discovered that of the banquet room where Belshazzar was startled by the mysterious banquet on the wall. The work of identification has been made possible by the discovery of the inscribed bricks giving the names of the kings who reigned in the city.

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Canadian Railway Situation

The Following Statement by Lord Dunsany on the Canadian Railway Situation Appears in the Annual Financial Survey of the Toronto Globe

After forty months of this great work, the railway situation in Canada presents a very different face from that of recent times. When the chief problems to solve were the problems of development and construction necessary as keep pace with a huge immigration.

An indication of the difference in conditions is shown in Canada's trade balance, which has been converted from a heavy "minus" to a substantial "plus," the exports for eleven months of 1917 exceeding those of a similar period in 1912 by over a billion dollars. As the total import and export trade for that period in 1917 was itself less than a billion dollars, the increase in trade-moving effort is more than \$994,467,000. The increase in trade-moving effort is more than \$994,467,000.

The efficiency and absence of congestion with which our enormous war traffic has been handled might well be a lesson to our American friends, who, if I may venture the suggestion, are looking too eagerly to the centralized effort of an overworked government when they should be looking to the trained enterprise of the individual industrial units that have been developed during times of peace, because any form of control that will have the effect of lessening the sense of keenness and responsibility on the part of these units is sure to be disastrous in its results. If they are not too ready to profess to have experience in Canada, they should solve their traffic problem by placing under government control not the railways but the shippers, leaving the railways to their own devices and operating staffs, untrammelled by political considerations, to find out how to carry the maximum traffic given ports at a given time, over a given route and building these railways to secure on fair terms the funds for necessary maintenance and equipment. A government controller of shipments, corresponding to one of overseas transport. If needed, not a government controller of railways. It is folly to send out an S.O.S. call for government control or ownership of the railways themselves, a control which experience has shown to be fatally opposed to economy and efficiency.

Realizing that the interests of localities stand aside to the interests of the nation as a whole, the Canadian railways have agreed to reduce competitive rates as far as they are possible, so that train fares and equipment should be released for the one

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A Clearing Outlook
If Germany is beaten and Russia splits up into a number of weak states, it would mean that the dangers which once threatened the British empire had been laid at rest. It is such times as the strength of Canada and Australia had been greatly increased. Complete defeat of Germany would have the United States in a class with the British empire. It was supposed prior to the war that the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and South Africa, to Great Britain was weak, but events have proved its remarkable strength. — Rochester Times.

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